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SUBJECT: HUMERA REPORTEDLY FALLS TO EDU FORCES

REF: KHARTOUM 0155 (151110Z JAN 77) (NOTAL)

1. IT IS WIDELY REPORTED IN ASMARA THAT ON JANUARY 14 THE EPMG GARRISON IN HUMERA HAS SURRENDERED THAT TOWN OF 3000 TO FORCES UNDER THE ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU). THESE REPORTS ARE FRAGMENTARY, AND ARE REplete WITH ERITREAN WISHFUL THINKING, YET IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE EPMG FORCES HAVE AT LEAST SUFFERED SETBACKS IN FIGHTING IN THIS AREA.

2. HUMERA IS THE COMMERCIAL CENTER OF THE LARGE OILSEED FARMS
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ALONG THE SETIT RIVER. IT IS ALSO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EPMG FOURTH BATTALION WHICH HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SKIRMISHES WITH EDU AND ELF INSURGENTS IN THE BORDER AREA FROM TESSENNEY TO METEMMA. AS A RESULT, THE BATTALION WAS STRETCHED VERY THIN AT THE TIME OF THE EDU ATTACK IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY.

3. THE LOSS OF HUMERA WOULD OPEN A GAPING HOLE IN THE ETHIOPIAN

DEFENCES IN NORTHERN BEGEMDIR AND WOULD PERMIT AN UNHINDERED
SUPPLY LINE TO EDU AND OTHER INSURGENTS IN BOTH BEGEMDIR AND
TIGRE FROM SUDANESE TERRITORY. IN VIEW OF THIS, ONE WOULD EXPECT
THE EPMG ARMY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECAPTURE HUMERA IF IT
CAN MUSTER THE REQUISITE FORCES.

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